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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Mariam Kahn and I am a member of the San José Youth Commission. We are an appointed body of youth, fourteen to twenty-one years of age, modeled after the San José City Council. We are recognized as the official youth advisory group to the City Council and the Department of Park, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. We are involved with policy recommendations concerning youth and have a strong desire to serve our community through active civic participation.

On Friday April 27, 2012 the San José Youth Commission will be hosting its 5th Annual City-Wide Youth Conference. From 8:30am to 3:00pm at San Jose City Hall. This year's theme is "Choose Your Own Adventure". The purpose of the conference is to educate, empower, and inspire our peer to self manage their educational road map to success. As part of this conference, we are offering the high school students a variety of workshops designed to educate and give them the necessary tools they need to reach their educational goals.

As the City-wide Youth Commissioner, I cordially invite you to participate as a workshop presenter for one of the four workshop categories: Financing Your Future, Risk Factors, The Pathway to Your Adventure, or The Elements of Success Through Health & Wellness. Workshop presenters will need to facilitate two 50 minutes workshops on the day of the conference: once at 9:48am and then again at 10:41am. Participants of the conference will be high school students eager to learn the tools and techniques to make the right choices through their educational career. We ask that workshops be interactive and focus on how youth can be their own educational advocates.

In addition to the workshop guidelines attached, and as part of the workshop selection process, we are asking all presenters to come and give a brief summary of their workshop including activities and materials at one of two possible screening dates, Monday March 26th at 6– 8p.m. or on Monday April 2nd from 6 - 8p.m. The workshop screening is to ensure we provide the best workshops and tools to our participants as well as to learn more about your organization.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at mariamk08@gmail.com or you may call our commission staff, Betty Montoya at 408-793-5559.

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